

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2013**

Town of Bedford  
Bedford Town Hall  
Selectmen's Meeting Room

Mr. Moonan introduced himself and read the emergency evacuation notice.

**PRESENT:** William Moonan, Chair; Carol Carlson; Alan Long; Lorrie Dunham

**ABSENT:** Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk; Kevin Latady

**PRESENTATION:** Ms. Carlson read the notice of the hearing.

**PETITION #010-13** – First Parish Church, 75 Great Road, for rainwater containers with surrounding fencing.

Sam List introduced himself and explained that he planned to perform an Eagle Scout project at the First Parish Church, at 75 Great Road. He stated that the project would consist of installing four rainwater containers to feed the gardens at the Church, and the containers would be three feet high by two feet wide by two feet deep. He said that he also proposed to modify the gutter systems to feed some of the downspouts into the containers.

The Commission talked extensively with the applicant about the position of the downspouts on the building. Mr. Long suggested that the downspouts be positioned at a 45° angle instead of straight down, which would allow less chance of anything being stuck. Mr. List agreed that angling the downspouts would be a good idea.

Mr. Moonan asked whether the fence would be painted. Mr. List replied that it would be painted white to match the Church. Mr. Moonan asked how high the fences surrounding the containers would be. Mr. List stated that it would be three feet high.

Mr. Moonan asked whether the containers would stand on grade or if they would be on mounds of dirt or gravel. Mr. List said they would probably stand on six inches or one foot of dirt. Ms. Carlson said she hoped that the fence would cover the containers and that none of the containers would show over the top of the fence. Mr. List said he would make sure they were fully shielded and would add fencing if necessary to cover them completely. Mr. Moonan suggested that the motion allow dirt pedestals of no more than one foot on which the containers could stand.

There was discussion about the locations of the gardens on the property and how the rainwater would be directed to them.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Long moved to approve four rain barrels, locations shown on Exhibit A, at the First Parish Church, 75 Great Road. Each barrel will be three feet high by two feet wide by two feet deep, as shown on Exhibit B. They will be installed on dirt pedestals between 6 and 12 inches high, surrounded by a picket fence painted white to match the Church building. Barrels will be fed by existing downspouts, modified only at bottoms to lead water into tanks. Downspouts can be at 45° or at right angles, at discretion of applicant and Church. If containers are removed, gutters will be returned to original placement. Appearance of gutters as shown on Exhibit C.

Ms. Carlson seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Carlson, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-0.

Mr. Moonan congratulated Mr. List on achieving his final steps to become an Eagle Scout. He said that the community is proud of him and wished him luck in the future.

Mr. Moonan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Dunham seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Carlson, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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William Moonan, Chairman

Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gould  
HDC Assistant